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My/our residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my/our name. I/we believe I am/we are the original, first and sole/joint inventor/s of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

**METHOD FOR PRODUCING 2,5-DIMETHYLPHENYL ACETIC ACID**

the specification of which is attached hereto,

or was filed on **January 22, 2005**

as a PCT Application Serial No. **PCT/EP2005/000617**

I/we hereby state that I/we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

I/we acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

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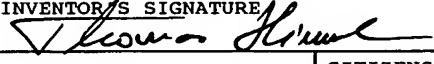
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